

April 15, 2010

Subject: H96DA Visitors Center Occupancy

In January, 2010, the Town of Ninety Six verbally requested that The H96DA relocate its office to the Ninety Six Depot in order to provide office space for the newly appointed Director of Tourism and Events and provide consistent staffing for the Visitors Center. In February, 2010 the H96DA responded by letter to The Town that in keeping with its original project proposal that the new Visitors Center provide office space for the H96DA and the Chamber of Commerce, the H96DA chose not to relinquish its office space.

In response to the H96DA decision not to relocate, The Town notified the H96DA by letter that since it owned the building and the property upon which the building is located they, The Town, reserved the right to adopt and enforce rules and/or regulations regarding the use of the property. The letter stated that the Town of Ninety Six had limited office space, therefore it was their opinion that the best use of the Visitors Center office space would be for the full time staff person.

After not accepting the H96DA position on relocating, the Town Council chose to install an office cubical in the large meeting room. The Town felt that with the paid staff provided by the Chamber of Commerce and the Director of Tourism and Events the Welcome Center would be open during the business hours.

The letter of notification stated that upon the expiration of tenure by the current H96DA Executive Director, The Town will then move the Director of Tourism and Events to the office now occupied by the H96DA Executive Director.

The H96DA depends entirely on volunteers to assist at The Center and all projects implemented to help promote the Town. The H96DA wishes to thank those that have volunteered their time and willingness to help make a difference.

Even though our future office location is uncertain, the H96DA will continue to work to help preserve and promote our great Town of Ninety Six.

With Regards,

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President, H96DA